

SENATE BILL 467

By Watson

AN ACT to name a bridge on U.S. Highway 41/U.S. Highway 76 in Hamilton County in honor of the late Fred Pruett, former Mayor of East Ridge.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Fred Pruett, former Mayor of East Ridge and one of Hamilton County's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, few people have touched as many lives as Mayor Pruett, a gentleman who attained excellence both as a public servant and a human being; and

WHEREAS, Fred Pruett was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and he worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for the good people of East Ridge throughout his distinguished tenure as their Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Pruett spearheaded numerous civic improvement projects and was instrumental in making East Ridge and Hamilton County even better places to live; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to name a certain bridge on U.S. Highway 41/U.S. Highway 76 in Hamilton County to honor Mayor Pruett's memory and to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; now, therefore, BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning South Creek east of Interstate 75 on U.S. Highway 41/U.S. Highway 76 in Hamilton County is hereby designated the "Fred Pruett Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to an excellent public servant and even more accomplished human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "Fred Pruett Memorial Bridge" .

SECTION 3. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

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(1) This act shall become operative only if Hamilton County, Tennessee, either remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the department of transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this act or manufactures such signs in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2). Hamilton County shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Hamilton County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Hamilton County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

(2) Hamilton County may manufacture and erect such signs provided that such signs are manufactured and erected pursuant to state and federal guidelines and approved by the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.